

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs will be submitting the state's Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region VIII on February 14, 2011. The Plan is required under the National Affordable Housing Act in order for Colorado to receive the following federal funds: HOME Investment Partnership; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Emergency Shelter Grants; Supportive Housing; HOPWA.

The Action Plan document summarizes statewide housing and non-housing needs; identifies one-year strategies; and reviews the available federal, state and local resources to implement the strategies; and presents specific goals and objectives for the number of persons to be assisted. The strategies are shown below:

Strategy I: Preserve the supply of existing affordable rental and homeownership housing.

Strategy II: Increase the supply of affordable "workforce" rental and homeownership housing in high need areas.

Strategy III: Increase the capacity, stability and participation of local housing and service providers.

Strategy IV: Increase pre-purchase homeownership counseling for low- and moderate-income households and minorities.

Strategy V: Meet the community needs for the homeless by providing supportive services and appropriate housing.

Strategy VI: Increase the supply of housing for person with special needs, coupled with services that increase or maintain independence.

Strategy VII: Provide rental subsidies statewide for low-income households that would otherwise have to pay more than 30% of their household income for housing.

Strategy VIII: Utilize the Division's ability to project base Section 8 vouchers to provide a revenue source for housing units and HOME and CDBG funding to fill gaps in development of units for homeless and disabled populations.

Strategy IX: Assist low-income renters and owners with energy-efficiency upgrades.

Strategy X: Ensure the statewide safety and habitability of factory built-manufactured structures through program services that are efficient and effective.

Provide XI: Provide financial assistance to qualified small businesses to start or expand their operations, and partner with local banks to fill gaps in financing packages so that 51% of jobs are created or retained by person of low to moderate income.

Strategy XII: Assist communities with the installation of public infrastructure that will benefit start-up and expanding businesses who will be creating or retaining jobs, at least 51% of which will be or are filled by persons of low to moderate income.

Strategy XIII: Provide financial assistance to rural communities to implement community development and capital improvement areas.

Strategy XIV: Increase the capacity of local governments to administer federal grants that facilitate the development of sustainability activities.

Two public hearings have been scheduled by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for on the Action Plan document. The first hearing will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2011 in Grand Junction, 222 S. 6th St., Room 409 at 12:00 Noon. The second hearing will also be on Thursday, January 6, 2011 in Denver, 1313 Sherman St., Room 518 Conference Room at 4:00 p.m. The plan will be available on the Department's website at www.dola.colorado.gov
If special accommodations are needed, please call (970) 248-7302 (Bill Whaley) for the Grand Junction meeting or (303) 866-2046 (Lynn Shine) for the Denver meeting. The Department of Local Affairs TDD Number is (303) 866-5300.

Written comments must be received by February 7, 2011 at the Colorado Division of Housing, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 500, Denver CO, 80203, ATTN: Lynn Shine.

The plan will be available for inspection on the internet at www.dola.state.co.us/doh.htm or www.dola.colorado.gov as of January 6, 2011. A copy of the complete document to be submitted to HUD will also be available for public review during regular office hours from January 6, 2011, through February 7, 2011 at the following Department of Local Affairs regional offices. **If special accommodations are needed, please notify the contact persons listed at the specific location.**

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